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APPLICANT : Francesco Orlandi et al.
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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the following remarks.